

VILLAGE OF SPARTA

REGULAR BUSINESS SESSION OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Held at Sparta Township Chambers, 160 East Division, Sparta, MI

- 1.2. The meeting was called to order by President Leonard R. Meyer II at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Roll Call: Council persons Kristi Dougan, Paul Hibbard, Gary Moody, William Taylor, Robert Whalen and Village Manager Martin J. Super. Absent: Council person Bonnie Koehn.
4. Additions or corrections to Business and Consent Agendas: None  
Consent Agenda:
  - A. Accept Village Council regular business minutes of January 13, 2014;
  - B. File Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of January 14, 2014;
  - E. File Fire Board meeting minutes of January 16, 2014;
  - F. File Finance Committee minutes of January 20, 2014.
5. Approval of Consent and Business Agenda:  
Moved by Moody, supported by Dougan, to approve Business and Consent Agendas. Motion carried 6-0.
6. Approval of Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers:  
Moved by Moody, supported by Dougan, to approve Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers. Motion carried 6-0.
7. Public Comment for Agenda Items:
  - A. Boy Scout Cody Havens of Sparta Boy Scout Troop 701, who is working on an Eagle Scout public service project, asked for approval of the Council to erect a 20-ft. flag pole with a 3'x5' American flag in front of the office at the Sparta Airport. He also plans to place a plaque honoring Air Force veterans at the site. Assistant Scoutmaster Jeff Wermuskeven accompanied Scout Havens.  
Moved by Moody, supported by Whalen, to approve the project and to recommend an Executive Order from the Village President to grant this request. Motion carried 6-0.
8. Public Hearing:
  - A. A Public Hearing opened at 7:12 pm and closed at 7:13 pm for the purpose of discussing the proposed use of the 2014-2015 Kent County Development Block Grant Funds pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.
9. Unfinished Business:
  - A. Approval of Resolution R-14-05: A Resolution allocating Kent County Community Development Block Grant Funds for fiscal year 2014-2015. The amounts allocated were: Senior Neighbors, Inc.- \$13,500.00; The Arbor Circle - \$5,000.00; Hope Network - \$2,000.00 for a sub-total of \$20,500.00 plus Park Improvement @ 112 North State Street - \$11,585.00 for a total of \$32,085.00. Moved by Whalen, supported by Moody, to adopt Resolution R-14-05. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Approval of Resolution R-14-06: A Resolution to designate a utility vehicle for First Response for unused 2010-2013 Community Development Block Grant Funding.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Dougan, to adopt Resolution R-14-06. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Approval of Resolution R-14-07: A Resolution to designate projects for unused 2010-2013 Community Block Grant Funding.

Moved by Hibbard, supported by Whalen, to adopt Resolution R-14-07. Motion carried 6-0.

D. Part-Time Police Department Pay Raise/Scale:

Moved by Hibbard, supported by Moody to approve pay/raise benefits for all part-time employees of the Sparta Police Department. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Class B Sewer License:

Brian Vilmont PE reviewed the options available to the Village. Tests for the licenses are available in May and November of this year but May is too early. Registration for the November licensing is July 2014.

Moved by Dougan, supported by Whalen, to enter into an agreement with Muskegon County Waste Water Treatment Department for training of Dennis Pecynski to earn his Class B Waste Water license. Motion carried 6-0. Pecynski now holds a Class C license.

F. DPW Superintendent:

Manager Super stated that there was little interest in the position of DPW Superintendent as it included the applicant must have a Class B WW license. He was instructed to table the position for 30 days.

10. New Business:

A. Airport Annexation Signatures and Approval. A petition for the abandonment and discontinuance of a parcel of Vinton Avenue in the Township of Sparta, Kent County, Michigan, was signed by Council members.

Moved by Dougan, supported by Whalen, to accept the petition for the abandonment and discontinuance of a parcel of Vinton Avenue. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Civic Center Usage Agreement:-

Moved by Whalen, supported by Taylor, to adopt the Civic Center Agreement and to pay the Civic Center Advisory Board \$2,000 for up to 30 rentals for 2014. Motion carried 5-1 with Moody abstaining.

11. Committee Reports (attached):

A. Finance Committee; B. Policy & Personnel Committee - Sparta Village Manager Martin J. Super announced his resignation effective March 28, 2014 because of personal family obligations.

C. Public Facilities & Recreation Committee; D. Airport Committee; E. Public Safety Committee; and

F. Fire Board.

12. Manager's Report (on-line to Council Members):

13. Police Chief's Report (attached):

14. Airport Manager's Report (attached):

15. Communications: None.

16. Public Comment: None

17. Executive Session: None.

18. Announcements: A special meeting was scheduled for 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 18, 2014, for the purpose of finding a new Village Manager.

19. Adjournment:

Moved by Dougan, supported by Hibbard, to adjourn at 8:29 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Greta C, Heugel  
Sparta Village Clerk